(b) Out of the above 306 Permits, 41 have been allotted to SC/STs.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Administration have informed that 15 Permits are to be granted to SC/STs based on the decision taken by the Executive Council in May, 1989. In response to an advertisement published in the newspapers inviting applications for these permits, a total of 61 applications were received. After scrutiny, 14 applications were found eligible and their cases have been approved by the State Transport Authority, Delhi.

89 Uttar Pradesh

Construction of Bridge on Ganga River at Baluaghat in Varanasi District

2382. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the proposed bridge on the Ganga river at Baluaghat in Varanas District has been started;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the work is proposed to be started and the construction of the bridge is likely to be completed; and

(d) the amount allocated by the Union Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRTNSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) The bridge on the Ganga river at Baluaghat in Varanasi District when constructed, would fall on a State Road and as such the Government of Uttar Pradesh are primarily concerned in the matter.

89 Gems and Jewellery

Export of Gold Ornaments

2383. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total value and quantity of gold ornaments exported during the last two years; and

(b) the special incentives given for he exports of gold ornaments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The exports of gold jewellery in value as reported by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) is given as under :—

(Value Rs. in Crores)

Year	Value
1989-90	282.90
1990-91	363.86

However, for gold ornaments, statistics are maintained only of value and not in quantity.

(b) Gold Jewellery is a thrust sector for exports. Government have taken a series of measures to enhance the exports of gold jewellery. Special complexes for export production of gold jewellery have been established in Bombay and Delhi, with an exclusive arrangement for supply of gold by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited (MMTC). Permission has also been granted for 100% Export Oriented Units operating outside such complexes provided they are able to achieve the export of Rs. 50 crores in the 2nd year of production. The repeal of the Gold Control Act has given an impetus to gold jewellery exports.

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Non-implementation of Labour Acts by Tea Estates

2384. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the nationalised tea estates under the Tea Trading Corporation of India are not implementing Plantation Labour Act, Gratuity Act, Provident Fund Act and other similar Acts beneficial to workmen of tea gardens;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?